



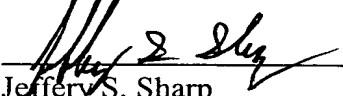
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 1999, in which all pending claims (1-14) of the above-identified patent application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (second paragraph) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please substitute the abstract with the following:

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